



# SHARON MORAVIAN CHURCH

*(Built by Slaves – 1799)*

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Behold, the former things  
are come to pass, and new  
things do I declare: before  
they spring forth I tell you  
of them.

—Isaiah 42:9

Sunday, January 11, 2026

**First Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Welcome is extended all – whether you are here in the sanctuary or online, at home or abroad – as we worship the one who alone is worthy of unmeasured praise. As we worship, may God make us more keenly aware of the love of God towards us and all people.

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**WATCHWORD:** A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
(Isaiah 42:3)

**Provincial Theme 2026:**

***“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One!”***

Now faith is the  
assurance of things  
hoped for, the  
conviction of things  
not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1

# ORDER OF SERVICE



Prelude

Introit – Choir

Call to Worship:

**Leader:** I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth  
will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

**Congregation:** *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
Mercy and truth go before Your face.*

**All:** *Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk,  
O Lord, in the light of Your countenance. (Psalm 89:1, 14, 15)*

Opening Hymn: 27 – “O Worship the King”

Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Worship in Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Sentence: *“To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the  
Lord than sacrifice.” (Proverbs 21:3)*

Offertory Hymn: 410 – “God of mercy, God of grace”

Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory Doxology: *“Thanks, Thanks, I Give You Thanks”*

Greetings, Celebrations & Notices

Adoration in Song

✝ *“Bless The Lord, O My Soul”*

✝ *“Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1 – 9

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34 – 43

Choir Anthem – “O Love Of God”

Sermon – *Rev. David Ince*

Prayer of Commitment & Intercession

Hymn of Reflection: 292 – “I The Lord of Sea And Sky”

Benediction



Visit our Website at <http://sharonmoravian.info>; Visit our Facebook Page and  
subscribe to our YouTube Channel. These are means by which we can connect  
to our brothers and sisters, and get the word out on what’s happening in the  
church. Like us; Follow us; Re-post us.



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## Opening Hymn: 27 –

O worship the King;  
All glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love;  
Our shield and defender,  
The ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendor  
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,  
O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
Whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath  
Deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is his path  
On the wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store  
Of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
Hath founded of old,  
Hath 'stablished it fast  
By a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
Like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care  
What tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air,  
It shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills,  
It descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distils  
In the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust,  
And feeble as frail,  
In thee do we trust,  
Nor find thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender,  
How firm to the end,  
Our maker, defender,  
Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might,  
Ineffable love!  
While angels delight  
To hymn thee above,  
The humbler creation,  
Though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
Shall lisp to thy praise.



### Prayer & Lord's Prayer



### Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

1. Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.
4. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

5. The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7. The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
8. The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9. The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.
10. The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
11. The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.



### **Worship in Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory Sentence:** *“To do righteousness and justice Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.” (Proverbs 21:3)*

### **Offertory Hymn: 410 –**

God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below and all above,

One in joy, and light, and love.



## Prayer of Dedication of Tithes & Offerings



### Offertory Doxology:

**Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks**

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks*

*For all you've done*

*I am so blessed, my soul is at rest*

*O Lord, I give you thanks.*



## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices



### Adoration in Song:

***“Bless The Lord, O My Soul”***

***Refrain:***

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

*and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,*

*and all that is within me, bless his holy name!*

He has done great things,  
he has done great things,  
he has done great things,  
bless his holy name! [Refrain]



***“Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord”***

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.

Blessed be the name of the Lord

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Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.



The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved  
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Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Most High.

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Glory to the name of the Lord  
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Glory to the name of the Lord, Most High.



### **Ministry of the Word:**

#### **First Scripture Reading – Isaiah 42: 1 – 9**

1. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.
5. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
6. I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.
8. I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
9. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.



### **Second Scripture Reading – Acts 10: 34 – 43**

34. Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
35. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
36. The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
37. That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
38. How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
39. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
40. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
41. Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
42. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
43. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.



### **Choir Anthem – “O Love Of God”**





## Sermon – Rev. David Ince



### Prayer of Commitment and Intercession



### Hymn of Reflection: 292 –

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them,  
Whom shall I send?



## The Benediction



## Organ Postlude



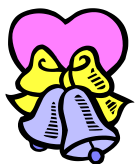
## Greetings, Celebrations & Notices ...

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Today: Lorna Bryan

Advanced: Florina Scantlebury, Sheila Small & Mauricia Springer (12<sup>th</sup>), Tiandra Gill (13<sup>th</sup>), Joy Best & Rhys Hoyte (14<sup>th</sup>), Margaret Haynes (15<sup>th</sup>), Louis Adams, Ashley King & Godfrey Walcott (16<sup>th</sup>), Maureen Nicholls & Gloria Sealy (17<sup>th</sup>)



*Congratulations to Bro. Calvison & Sis. Dawn Maynard who will celebrate their 7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on January 12, 2025.*



*Flowers today were donated by Bro. Calvison & Sis. Dawn Maynard in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*



## MORAVIAN BIRTHDAY SONG

With Thy presence, Lord, our Head and Saviour,  
Bless them all we humbly pray;  
Our dear heavenly Father's love and favour  
Be their comfort every day.  
May the Holy Ghost in each proceeding,  
Favour them with his most gracious leading;  
Thus shall they be truly blessed,  
Both in labour and in rest.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT

✠ Today: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.

✠ Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 9:45 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre

## THIS WEEK

- † Office Hours – Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. (D. C. Moore Centre).
- † Tuesday: Women's Fellowship – First & Third Tuesdays: In Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. All other Tuesdays: Online via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.
  - † Meeting of the Board of Stewards at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday: Bible Study (Forgiveness) – 6:00 p.m. online via Zoom. Meeting ID: 861 4335 8604 / Passcode: 244093.
- † Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.
- † Next Sunday: Divine Worship at 9:30 a.m.
  - † Adventures in Worship (All ages) – 10:00 a.m. in the D.C. Moore Centre



## Activities in the Month of January 2026:

- † Moravian Church Barbados Conference at Prayer – Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup>
- † Annual Church Council – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>
- † Harvest at Centenary – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>
- † Superintendents Conference – 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>, Antigua.
- † Barbados Christian Council Annual Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m. at the D. C. Moore Centre. Tickets: \$50.
- † Moravian Disciples Concert – Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Moravian Church. Tickets: \$25 / \$30.




## NEWS, INFORMATION & REMINDERS

1. From the Superintendent re the Provincial Pension Plan:
  - 1.1. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province has launched an appeal to heal the pension plan for Ministers of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province.
  - 1.2. At the 34th Provincial Synod recently held in Trinidad in July 2025, delegates received an update on the serious condition of the Pension Plan. The PEC informed that “some pastors, having given over forty years of service, now face uncertainty about receiving a pension. Additionally, three of our pastors currently receive less than 50% of the pension due to them. Another six pastors have reached retirement age and are awaiting a response from the insurance company. This predicament leaves them not knowing if they will have any income for retirement. As a Church, we agree that all our ministers should retire with dignity and have the means to live in today's economy.”

- 1.3. By way of this appeal, we hope to bring relief to those currently receiving less than their due pension and to reduce the deficit of the Provincial Pension Plan.
- 1.4. For this year, 2025, we are appealing to you make a contribution of \$100 on November 30, 2025. *(Thanks to all who responded to the Provincial Pension appeal; some \$2,600 were received at Sharon).*
- 1.5. The appeal will continue in 2026 and will be maintained over a seven-year period, the proposal being a monthly \$10 donation or \$120 annually.
- 1.6. Thank you for your assistance and your ongoing focused prayer regarding this matter.
2. From the Provincial Board:
  - 2.1. Hurricane Melissa:
    - 2.1.1. The images of the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa in Jamaica and across several of our Caribbean neighbours are truly heartbreaking. Our support for the Jamaica Province is already underway. Rev. Neilson Waithe is currently in Jamaica providing counselling and logistical assistance.
    - 2.1.2. The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province is actively exploring additional ways to assist our sisters and brothers during this difficult time. Their needs will be many as they begin the long process of rebuilding their lives. While we await a detailed assessment of the specific items required, we can already offer meaningful help through financial gifts.
    - 2.1.3. As you are able and as the Holy Spirit leads, you may contribute through your congregation or Conference. All funds received will be forwarded directly to the Jamaica Province to aid in the recovery effort. Monetary gifts of any size are deeply appreciated. Your generosity will serve as a tangible reminder to our Moravian siblings that they are not alone – we stand with them.
    - 2.1.4. Let us continue to lift our brothers and sisters in prayer as they navigate this season of loss and rebuilding.
  - 2.2. The Provincial Board invites the prayers of the Province for the Grenada Mission. As they continue to minister faithfully in Mount Tranquil, Grenada, they are without the immediate presence of a Pastor. For the next two Sundays, Bro. Daniel Mark will be there to provide pastoral leadership and presence. Sis. Adelyn Mgonela from the St. Kitts Conference will do the same for the following Sunday. There will be a similar arrangement next month providing pastoral leadership and presence. As you pray, please also listen for God's call


on how you may support the Grenada Mission with your presence or your resources.

**3. From the Moravian Church Barbados Conference 260th Anniversary Committee:**



# MORAVIAN HISTORY (PENUEL)

Part 1



Penuel Moravian church was established in 1914, in a village called Sweet Bottom, now called Sweet Vale. The villagers at that time worshiped at the nearby Mt Tabor Church in St John, and had been praying for a church in their village. Sweet Bottom, while being a village in St George, is close to villages like Sherbourne and Cherry Grove, hence its affinity with Mt Tabor.

In 1914, their prayer was answered and a small Moravian church was built and given a very special name Penuel, which means – “The face of God”. This name comes from the Bible story where Jacob wrestled with an angel and said, “I have seen God face to face.” Jacob called the place Penuel. The people chose this name because they wanted everyone who came to the church To feel close to God—just like Jacob did.

DID YOU  
KNOW?

**4. Our Board of Elders has been assigned to Districts as follows:**

No.	DISTRICT	ELDERS
1	Edgehill Rd., Near Sharon, Upper Jackson.	Sis. Ismay Straker
2	Cane Garden, Cane Garden Park, Cane Garden New Development, Cane Garden Crescent, Cane Garden Heights.	Bro. Anthony Ifill
3	Lower Jackson, 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue Jackson, Browne’s Gap, Arthur Seat (W – West of Quarry Rd. to Warrens).	Bro. Edwin Sandiford
4	Canewood Rd., Lears Corner, St. George, St. Joseph, St. John, Christ Church, Brittons Hill.	Bro. Victor Hurdle
5	Bridgefield, Whitehall – St. T, Hopewell, Bloomsbury.	Sis. Merville Franklyn
6	Jackson Terrace, Jackson Tenantry, Arsenal Playing Field Rd.	Sis. Carmel Downes
7	Arthur Seat (East – Quarry Rd to Melrose Cnr.)	Sis. Ingrid Ibrahim

8	Melrose, Arthur Seat (Central), Welches, Padmore Village.	Sis. Denise Grant
9	Edgehill Terrace, Edgehill Heights, Shop Hill, Content, Spring Farm, Farm Path, White Hill Terrace, Hillaby.	Sis. Lelia Gibbs
10	Eden Lodge, Under Lodge Hill, White Hall – St. M, Cave Hill, Grazettes, Codrington Hill, Spooners Hill, Green Hill.	Bro. Steven King
11	Friendship Terrace, Lodge Hill, Rock Dundo Park, Farm Rd., Clermont, Lodge Terrace, Mahaica Gap.	Sis. Veronica Leacock
12	Black Rock, Fitts Village, West Terrace, Oxnards, Wanstead Heights & Gardens, Husbands, Hinds Hill, Thorpes, Holders Hill, Hoytes Village, Prior Park.	Sis. Cora Cumberbatch
13	Warrens, Welches – North, Redman’s Village, Bagatelle, Baywoods, Bakers Woods, Mt. Brevitor.	Sis. Hazel Carter

5. We have closed our year of celebrating 225 years since the laying of the cornerstone here at Sharon. One planned event remains outstanding, that is the Planting of a Time Capsule, which will be completed when all the items have been gathered.

5.1. We are still open to contributions under our “225 for 225” drive, in which we ask persons to donate \$225 or multiples of \$225 towards the continuing work of the church. You don’t have to give it all at once, you can fill the envelope over time and bring it in at your convenience. We look forward to your participation in our “225 for 225” drive. Envelopes are available for collection. For those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. Pay to: *Biller – The Moravian Church, Account No – 1765-1768-0000, Name – Sharon Moravian Church.* A specimen of the envelope is displayed below.



6. We have resumed the “Basket of Hope” ministry. Each Sunday you are invited to make contributions of non-perishable food items, which will be distributed to those in need. Contributions can be made during the offertory hymn. We



are appealing for volunteers to provide the needed management and helping-hands for this ministry. Please let the Pastors know of your interest.

7. We are thankful for your financial support.

7.1. We do need your ongoing support so that we can maintain our ministry, our facilities and paying property insurance. So we ask for your continued faithfulness in giving as you are able.

7.2. You are reminded that labelled envelopes can be dropped into the slot in the front door of the Manse.

7.3. Generally, those who would give electronically can do so by direct deposit to our account at Scotiabank, Warrens – 40274. You can also give via SurePay at a walk-in kiosk or using your online account. At SurePay you can make payments anonymously to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0000, Name: Sharon Moravian Church*), or if you need your donations recorded for tax purposes and you have a box of envelopes; make payments to the Moravian Church (*Account No: 1765-1768-0-[your 3-digit envelope number], Name: Your Name*). Visit [www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary](http://www.sharonmoravian.info/giving-monetary) for these details.

8. Remember to listen to the Moravian Radio Programme: “Moravian Voice” on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Life 97.5 FM.

8.1. Our radio broadcast ministry Moravian Voice has been on the air for some 32 years, since Wednesday, July 18, 1990. We rejoice that we have been able to offer this ministry and we are thankful to all our listenership and all who hosted and provided content over the years. We are thankful to our congregations which faithfully sponsored the programme.

8.2. We invite you to tune in for inspiration and information to enable you in your Christian walk and service.

8.3. Moravian Voice will also be available on Instagram ([www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/](http://www.instagram.com/moravianvoice/)) and the YouTube Channel of the Moravian Church Barbados Conference (<https://youtube.com/c/TheMoravianChurch-BarbadosConference>).

8.4. You can email your comments and requests to: [moravianvoice@gmail.com](mailto:moravianvoice@gmail.com)



**PRAYER NEEDS:**



1. Our Shut-ins:

a. Sharon: *Sis. Aileen Bowen, Sis. Vernice Alberta Osbourne, Sis. Cynthia Walrond, Sis. Fraulene Headley.*

2. The Sick/Recovering: *Sis. Shanna King (USA), Sis. Brenda Herbert, Bro. Stephen Greaves, Sis. Andrea Maynard*

3. **The Bereaved:** *We extend condolences to and pray for Bro. Ricardo Gibbs and family, the Gibbs, Brewster and Clarke families on the passing of Sis. Lelia Gibbs, wife of Bro. Ricardo. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held on January 15, 2026, here at Sharon commencing at 3:00 p.m.*

4. World Peace



**AVAILABLE (Through the Church Office):**

- † Offering Envelopes for 2026 – We invite each member of the congregation to receive a box of envelopes and thereby seek to faithfully support the work of the church. Please request that a box be provided for you if none has been provided as yet.
- † Moravian Daily Text 2026:
- American Paperback Edition – \$32
  - American Large Print Edition – \$35
- † Sharon Burgundy Shirts: Polos – \$30 / T-Shirts – \$15
- † Copies of Sunday sermons on CD – \$2.00.
- † Books:
- ▣ Rev. Neilson Waithe: Understanding the Caribbean Worker – \$25; Provocation – \$20.
  - ▣ Rev. Dr. Winelle Kirton-Roberts: Created in Their Image: Evangelical Protestantism in Antigua and Barbados 1834-1914 – \$50.
  - ▣ Rev. Dr. Joseph Nicholas: Baptism Is a Gift of God: As Such It Is More Than Water – \$35.
- † Greeting Cards (\$2.00) and Prints (\$20.00) of a painting of Sharon Church.



**Provincial Theme 2026:**

***“Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power — Moving as One!”***

**This theme acknowledges that after a shift, the Church must:**

- Be rooted (Grounded in Faith),
- Be nurtured (Growing in Grace),
- Be mobilized (Going in Power),
- Be united (Moving as One).



# **2026 New Year Message From the Provincial Elders Board**

**January 3, 2026**

**Brothers and Sisters, warm Christian greetings.**

**As we stand at the threshold of a new year, the members of the Provincial Board extend heartfelt greetings to every leader and member of our Provincial family. With deep gratitude to God, we pause to reflect on 2025, a year marked by blessings, challenges, achievements, and important lessons, all undergirded by God's unwavering faithfulness.**

**As a Provincial family, we mourned the passing of two of our clergy – Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris and Sis. Yvonne Jean. We honour their faithful service and commend their lives to the gracious care of God. We continue to hold their families and congregations in prayer.**

**We also continued the important and necessary work of addressing the clergy pension plan. Our commitment remains firm: those who have served faithfully should retire with dignity and without fear. This is sacred work, and we are resolved to get it right.**

**Among the highlights of 2025 was the 34th Provincial Synod, a historic gathering hosted for the first time by the Trinidad Conference in the 57-year history of this Province. We commend the leadership, membership, and the Synod Planning Committee for their excellence and hospitality.**

**At that Synod, Rev. Ezra Parris was elected Bishop of the Unity on July 14, 2025, and was later consecrated on November 16, 2025, at Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados. We continue to pray God's wisdom, strength, and grace upon his ministry.**

**We extend sincere appreciation to the Synod Executive – Sis. Liselle Roberts, Chair; Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford, Vice Chair; Sis. Bonnie Smith, Secretary; and Sis. Alicia Ross-Floyd, Assistant Secretary, who guided the proceedings with grace amid time constraints, technological challenges, and robust discussions.**

**Our Chaplain, Bro. Cortroy Jarvis, ensured that Synod was anchored in worship and nourished by timely and faithful proclamation of the Word.**

**We also express deep gratitude to the legal advisors Bro. Colin Derrick of the Antigua Conference and Sis. Amerelle Francis of the Trinidad Conference,**

whose legal expertise continues to be a vital ministry to the Church. Your service reminds us that ministry extends well beyond Sunday morning. We further thank our other advisors – Bro. Neilson Waithe, Sis. Cherice Job, and Sis. Carol David-Kendall and honour the faithful service of retiring Board members Sis. Deborah Moore-Miggins and Sis. Evannie Jeremiah.

Responding to staff shortages resulted in changes in the Grenada Mission. We thank Bro. Daniel Mark for accepting the addition responsibilities to offer pastoral oversight to the Grenada Mission supported by the Tobago and St. Kitts Conferences and we continue to pray that God’s people will answer the call to ministry.

Looking ahead, we sense God calling us to greater faithfulness and wiser stewardship. With rising costs and declining memberships, the financial gap facing ministry continues to widen. Yet we trust that God has already made provision through people, partnerships, and property. In 2026, efforts will intensify toward developing income-generating projects, and the Provincial Board remains open to ideas and partnerships in this regard.

Over the last triennium, we journeyed under the theme SHIFT – Reclaiming our Identity, Renewing our Purpose, Re-igniting our Passion. That work continues. As we enter the next triennium, we do so under the theme:

- ✠ Grounded in Faith, Growing in Grace, Going in Power – Moving as One.
- ✠ To be Grounded in Faith calls us to intentional discipleship. Each congregation must commit to nurturing faith through small groups, congregational teaching, and Conference-wide initiatives. As Colossians 2:6 – 7 reminds us, we are to be rooted and built up in Christ.
- ✠ To be Growing in Grace is an invitation to maturity - to reflect the heart of God to one another and to our communities. Grace makes the Church a place of healing, welcome, and hope. As 2 Peter 3:18 urges us, we are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- ✠ To be Going in Power calls us to Spirit-led, outward-focused ministry – bold obedience to the Great Commission. We dare not go in our own strength but empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is a call to action, commitment, and holy courage.

All of this originates and culminates in Moving as One. Unity is not optional; it is essential. Across multiple islands and contexts, we must choose collaboration over contention. As Moravians, we affirm: In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, love.

Each Conference will determine how this theme is lived out locally, even as common benchmarks guide us collectively. Let us therefore commit ourselves anew to faithfulness, action, and unity.

On behalf of the Provincial Board – Bro. Adrian Smith, Vice Chair; Bro. Jeremy Francis, Secretary; Sis. Joan John and Sis. Cindy Hackett, Lay Members; Sis. Lisa Roberts, Treasurer; and Sis. Elisa Hodge, Assistant Treasurer, Happy New Year, we look forward to journeying with you in this new triennium.

Grace and peace to you, and may God bless us as we move as one.

Fraternally,

Reverend Algernon Lewis  
Chairman of PEC



**THE MORAVIAN DISCIPLES**  
**PRESENTS**  
**All in the Family**  
**30 YEARS AIN'T 30 DAYS**  
**JANUARY 31, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**  
**CALVARY MORAVIAN CHURCH**  
**ROEBUCK STREET**

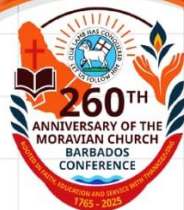
**CONTRIBUTION \$30**  
**EARLY BIRD \$25**  
Children 16 and under - Free  
Bring a donation of dry or can good



# MORAVIAN CHURCH BARBADOS CONFERENCE

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*PRESENTS*



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, KINGDOM

A CHRISTIAN MOVIE NIGHT BY THE MEN OF THE CONFERENCE

Gather your loved ones, cozy up, and join us  
for a heartwarming Christian Movie.

**SATURDAY  
7TH  
FEB, 2026**

**START TIME**

**6:00 P.M.**

REFRESHMENT WILL BE ON SALE

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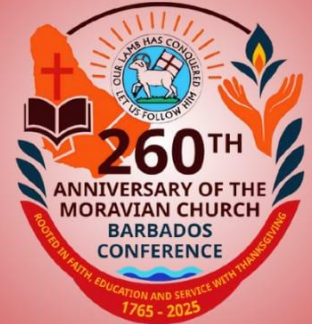


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# LOVE ABLAZE

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*Laughter*  
*Old time days*  
*Voices raised high*  
*Evening of joy*

**ADMISSION: FREE**

**SATURDAY**  
**14TH**  
**FEB, 2026**

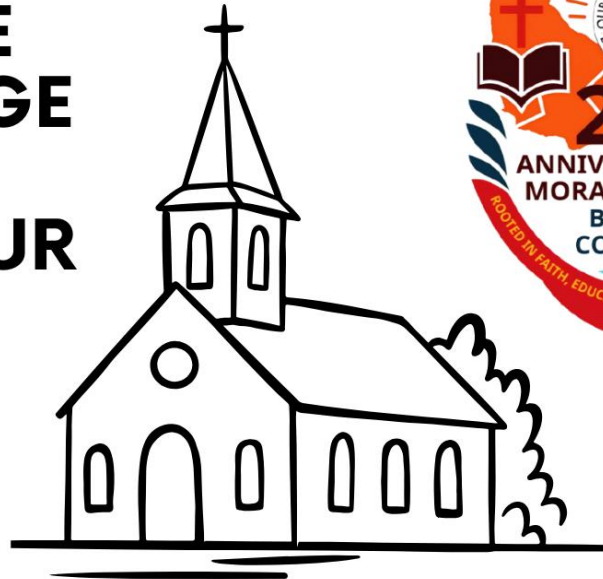
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**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**START TIME: 4: 00 P.M.**

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE ON SALE**

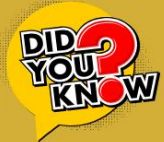
# CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE & HONOUR OUR HISTORY



OCTOBER 2025 - SEPTEMBER 2026



## MONTH OF OCTOBER



- WEEK 1 - THE MISSIONARIES
- WEEK 2 - BUNKERS HILL
- WEEK 3 - CUSTOMS & PRACTICES
- WEEK 4 - EDUCATION

## MONTH OF FOCUS FOR EACH CONGREGATION

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| ❁ NOVEMBER - FAITH (2018)     | ❁ MAY - DUNSCOMBE (1860)      |
| ❁ DECEMBER - BETHLEHEM (1964) | ❁ JUNE - CLIFTON HILL (1841)  |
| ❁ JANUARY - PENUEL (1914)     | ❁ JULY - CALVARY (1834)       |
| ❁ FEBRUARY - FULNEC (1894)    | ❁ AUGUST - MOUNT TABOR (1825) |
| ❁ MARCH - GRACE HILL (1882)   | ❁ SEPTEMBER - SHARON (1768)   |
| ❁ APRIL - CENTENARY (1865)    |                               |

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